

WEB-BASED SECURED FORUM FOR
COLLABORATIVE INVENTIONS CREATION

ABSTRACT

5 A system and method is proposed for bringing together potential co-inventors, developing a patent proposal, negotiating for rights in a patent draft, and writing a patent draft. In the system and method, a subscriber list is created and kept in a Subscriber Database. After a
10 patent proposal is received from an initial inventor, a pool of potential co-inventors is created by a Patent Proposal Server, which stores a patent proposal file. A Patent Proposal Web Server provides a forum for the initial inventor and the pool of potential co-inventors to further
15 develop the patent proposal. Once it is determined that the patent proposal is ready to enter the patent drafting stage, the patent proposal becomes a patent draft file on a Patent Draft Server and the pool of potential co-inventors and the initial inventor negotiate for rights in the patent
20 draft by means of a Rights Negotiation Server. When the rights in the patent draft are allotted, the pool of co-inventors and the initial inventor co-write the patent draft by means of a Patent Draft Web Server. A Security System maintains appropriate levels of security for the various files and communications in the system.
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